

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) A tear bar system, comprising:

a fan folded strip of media having a plurality of pieces of media attached end to end, each piece of media[[:]] a surface, [[:]] a first side, [[:]] a second side, [[:]] a center portion between the first and second side, [[:]] and a plurality of perforations being separated by a plurality of bridges of connecting material; and

a tear bar, comprising:

a rod having a first tapered portion, a second tapered portion, and a center portion positioned between the first and second tapered portions, wherein the rod has a substantially round cross section, wherein the first tapered portion has an outer diameter, wherein the second tapered portion has an outer diameter, wherein the outer diameter of the first and second tapered portions decreases towards the center portion the rod, wherein the first tapered portion, the second tapered portion, and the center portion include roughened surfaces, and wherein the first and second tapered portions concentrate stress on the bridges to facilitate a separation of one of the plurality of pieces of media from the fan folded strip of media;

a first side portion adapted to abut the surface of one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to a first bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media, wherein the first side portion comprises a roughened tapered surface, wherein the distance between the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media and the tear bar increases as the tear bar is traversed in the direction from the first side of the one of the plurality of pieces of media towards the center portion of the one of the plurality of pieces of media;

a second side portion adapted to abut the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to a second bridge of connecting material and apply

~~resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media, and~~

wherein the tear bar is rotationally fixed during separation of the one of the plurality of pieces of media from the fan folded strip of media;

wherein the plurality of pieces of media are in a fixed position during separation of the one of the plurality of pieces of media from the fan folded strip of media.

~~wherein the one of the plurality of pieces of media further comprises a third bridge of connecting material between the first and second bridges of connecting material, wherein the tear bar further comprises a roughened center portion between the first and second side portions, the center portion of the tear bar being adapted to abut the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to the third bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media.~~

25-27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) The tear bar system of claim 24 wherein the plurality of perforations are arranged substantially in a line.

29. (previously presented) The tear bar system of claim 24 wherein the one of the plurality of pieces of media comprises corner treatments adjacent to the plurality of perforations.

30. (currently amended) A process, comprising:

providing a fan folded strip of media having a plurality of pieces of media attached end to end, each piece of media comprising[[:]] a surface, [[:]] a first side, [[:]] a second side, [[:]] a center portion between the first and second side, [[:]] a plurality of perforations being separated by a plurality of bridges of connecting material, [[:]] and an end portion;

providing a tear bar comprising[[:]]a rod having a first tapered portion, a second tapered portion, and a center portion positioned between the first and second tapered portions, wherein the rod has a substantially round cross section, wherein the first tapered portion has an outer diameter, wherein the second tapered portion has an outer diameter, wherein the outer diameter of the first and second tapered portions decreases towards the center portion the rod, wherein the

first tapered portion, the second tapered portion, and the center portion include roughened surfaces, and wherein the first and second tapered portions concentrate stress on the bridges to facilitate a separation of one of the plurality of pieces of media from the fan folded strip of media;

a first side portion adapted to abut the surface of one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to a first bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media, wherein the first side portion comprises a roughened tapered surface, wherein the distance between the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media and the tear bar increases as the tear bar is traversed in the direction from the first side of the one of the plurality of pieces of media towards the center portion of the one of the plurality of pieces of media;

a second side portion adapted to abut the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to a second bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media;

wherein the one of the plurality of pieces of media further comprises a third bridge of connecting material between the first and second bridges of connecting material, wherein the tear bar further comprises a roughened center portion between the first and second side portions, the center portion of the tear bar being adapted to abut the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to the third bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media;

advancing and stopping the one of the plurality of pieces of media at a position such that the plurality of perforations contact the tear bar; and positioning the one of the plurality of pieces of media, so that the first side is positioned in close relative proximity to the first side portion and the second side is positioned in close relative proximity to the second side portion;
and

positioning the one of the plurality of pieces of media to facilitate a user's application of applying a longitudinal force to the one of the plurality of pieces of media to separate the one of

~~the plurality of pieces of media from the fan folded strip of media, end portion of the one of the plurality of pieces of media, wherein the first side portion and the second side portion abut the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media and resist the longitudinal movement of the one of the plurality of pieces of media;~~

~~wherein the tear bar is rotationally fixed during separation of the one of the plurality of pieces of media from the fan folded strip of media; and wherein a strain is created in the one of the plurality of pieces of media.~~

31-34. (canceled)